Management of the Tirumani Leper Settlement.

*45 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the conditions and terms of the agreement on which the Tirumani Leper Settlement is to be managed have been fulfilled since it was founded;

(*b*) whether the Government are satisfied with the management;

(*c*) what are the various heads for which the allotment of Rs. 1,30,000 has been made for the Settlement in the Budget for 1929-30 and why it has been increased;

(*d*) what is the average number of patients expected to be treated in the Settlement in 1929-30 on the basis of which the said allotment has been made; and

(*e*) what is the estimated cost per patient?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The details for the contribution of Rs. 1,30,000 are—

	RS.
(1) Staff—	
Pay of European Doctor	6,900
Do. do. Matron	4,500
Do. do. Nurse	3,900
Do. Subordinate medical, clerical and menial staff	12,570
Diet contingencies and medicine—	
Fifty Anglo-Indian patients at Rs. 22½ per patient per mensem	13,500
Four hundred and fifty Indian patients at Rs. 13-4-0 per patient per mensem ...	71,550
Twenty-five children over 8 years at Rs. 9 per child per mensem	2,700
Twenty-five children under 8 years at Rs. 6.	1,800
Equipment, industries and annual repairs ...	12,575
Total ...	1,29,995

or Rs. 1,30,000 roundly.

The increase is due to the provision made for the treatment of ten additional Indian patients in 1929-30 and also for the increased provision made under equipment, industries, etc.

(*d*) & (*e*) Provision is made for the treatment of 550 patients in 1929-30 and the cost per patient in 1929-30 works out to Rs. 19·7 per mensem.

Agriculture

Alleged delay in sending pumping engines to ryots.

*46 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that inordinate delay is generally caused by the Agricultural Engineering department in sending pumping engines to ryots who want the same urgently; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to take steps to minimize such delay?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A few cases of delay in the Industrial Engineering department have been brought to notice and necessary instructions have been issued to the Director of Industries to minimize such delays in future.

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"Will the hon. the Minister order the purchase of more pumping engines in order to minimize the delay ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"The Government will consider the question, Sir."

Previous experience and qualifications of Mr. Iyakannu Achari, Assistant Agricultural Engineer.

*47 *Q.*—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the qualifications of Mr. Iyakannu Achari, the present Assistant Agricultural Engineer, and how long he has been in the present office ; and

(*b*) the previous experience of Mr. Iyakannu Achari in the line in which he is working ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clause (*e*) of question No. 990 on 31st October 1927. Mr. Iyakannu Achari has been Assistant Industrial Engineer, Madras, since April 1924.

Co-operative Societies

Appointment of History graduates as Assistant Registrars.

*48 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether it is not a fact that there are Assistant Registrars in the Co-operative Department who are not graduates in Economics and History ?

A.—The answer is in the affirmative, but most of these men were promoted from the inspectorate in view of their long service and experience in the Co-operative Department.

Appointment of Muslims in the Co-operative Department.

*49 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal with the Minister to appoint more Muslims in the several cadres of the Co-operative Department in view of the new appointments sanctioned by the Government ?

A.—The Government will consider duly the claims of suitable Muhammadan candidates if they offer themselves for appointment.

Representation of Muslims in the Co-operative Department.

*50 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any special reason why there is only one Muslim in the cadre of Deputy Registrars of the Co-operative Department out of a total number of 19 ; and

(*b*) why there is only one Muslim Assistant Registrar out of a total of 32 ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No ; the number of sanctioned posts in the cadre of Deputy Registrars is, however, only 13.